

German Professors - exchange

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DEPARTMENT OF GERMANIC LANGUAGES

May 28, 1915.

President R. Falconer,  
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Your note with regard to Professor P. W. Müller of your German Department was referred to me for reply. I regret to say that our vacancies are now filled, though I doubt whether Professor Müller would have wished to be an applicant, since the one was an instructorship, the other an assistantship. Immediately, I know of no other vacancies in other institutions. I shall keep Professor Müller in mind and suggest his name when I have occasion to do so.

Very truly yours,

*Hermann Almstedt*

Chairman of the  
Department of Germanic  
Languages.



December 17th, 1914

President Brown,  
Union Theological Seminary,  
New York.

My dear President Brown:

There has been a strong attempt made by certain of the newspapers, who have on their side a large element of public opinion, to remove the Germans on our staff from their positions. This attempt I have resisted but the situation is rather difficult, and if I can secure an exchange my difficulties will be somewhat eased.

The man about whom I am most concerned is Dr. Immanuel Benzinger. You doubtless know Dr. Benzinger; at least you know his work. I have written to Harvard and Yale asking if they could send us a man in exchange, particularly one who could take some Arabic, but they are unable to do so. One difficulty is that we should have a man who is not a German. I have also written to Chicago, but I have not yet heard, and to Pennsylvania. I wonder whether in the event of our being unable to effect an exchange elsewhere, there is any man in Union whom you could send to us taking Dr. Benzinger for the next term? Or, can you give me any suggestions in the matter? This is one of the concomitant evils of the war. We have found Dr. Benzinger an excellent teacher and most satisfactory in every way, and I am anxious that the University should not lose his services.

With kind regards to Mrs. Brown, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.



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The University of Chicago  
Department of Germanic Languages  
and Literatures

10/6/15.

CHICAGO

President Robert A. Falconer.

University of Toronto,

Toronto, Canada.-

Dear President Falconer,

I have your letter concerning your great desire to place Professor Müller suitably outside of your institution and have your wish in mind continually, although I am at the moment unable to contribute anything to the solution of the problem. Should an opportunity occur for such service, I shall write you at once. My summer address will be after June 19th: West Brattleboro, Vermont.

With high regard,

Yours sincerely,

*Stan William Tunsting.*

December 21st, 1914

President Francis Brown,  
Union Theological Seminary,  
New York.

Dear President Brown:

Many thanks for your letter. I regret very much that you are unable to get any one in Union in exchange with Professor Benzinger. So far I have been unable to effect an exchange though I have still to hear from Hartford and from the University of Pennsylvania. The situation would be greatly relieved if I could get a good man and have Dr. Benzinger spend next term in the United States.

With kind regards and the season's greetings,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.



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UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
BROADWAY AT 120TH STREET  
NEW YORK

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

December 19, 1914.

The Reverend Robert A. Falconer, LL.D.  
President-University of Toronto,  
Toronto, Canada.

My dear President Falconer:

I just have your letter of December 17th. I appreciate the difficulty of the situation to which you refer and I admire the firmness with which you oppose newspaper clamor in regard to Professor Benzinger. I appreciate this in particular because I know Professor Benzinger well, having seen much of him in Jerusalem and having had the opportunity of entertaining him and his wife here, when they were on their way to Toronto.

I am more sorry than I can express that the suggestion you make in regard to this Seminary is out of the question, for the conclusive reason that the only man who could possibly do any large portion of Dr. Benzinger's work with you is our Professor Bewer, who is himself a German. I am afraid too, that I have no other practical suggestion to make.

I learned of the situation through a letter from Professor Benzinger some days ago and, perhaps prematurely, and in any case at the risk of interfering with plans of yours, I made inquiries of Professor Prince at Columbia and of President Butler direct, but found no opening there and have already sent word to that effect to Professor Benzinger. It is a trying situation which I sincerely regret and I hope that a solution of the difficulty may yet be found.

With cordial regards to Mrs. Falconer as well as yourself, I am,

Yours sincerely,

*Francis Brown*



December 11th, 1914

President Fitch,

Andover, Mass.

My dear President Fitch:

I want very much, if possible, to effect an exchange with some American University or Seminary in order that our Professor Benzinger, the Semitic scholar whose reputation you know, may until the end of the present academic year do work for us by proxy. Owing to popular clamour, which I have been resisting, there is a great deal of feeling against the employment of Germans, and Dr. Benzinger has been granted leave of absence till June 30th 1915, on full salary. However, I am anxious to have his work done. Is there any man on your staff, or can you suggest any man, if possible an American by birth or some one of not German birth and without pro-German sympathies? Benzinger is not only a fine scholar, but a good teacher and a most estimable man. We should regret very much also to lose his services permanently. If you can help us out I shall be very glad.

My visit to the West was a very hurried one. I hope we got our difficulties arranged, but on my return I was plunged at once into this trouble. We look back with great pleasure to your visit. I hope that next time your bad luck as to weather will break. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.



ANDOVER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

December 30, 1914.

President Robert Falconer,  
University of Toronto,  
Toronto, Canada.

My dear President Falconer:

I have been going over the matter of Dr. Benzinger with Professor Arnold and other members of the Semitic Faculty here and I am sorry to write that I see no prospect of effecting an exchange. The general opinion is that Dr. Benzinger's work is of a high order and that probably more than one American University would be glad to have a course of lectures from him gratis, but, on the other hand, it is felt that few well placed scholars could be induced to leave their own vine and fig tree and teach another man's classes in the middle of the year when there is no personal reason for their doing so.

We are all very sympathetic with your problem and very sorry that we cannot be of practical assistance.

Cordially yours,

*William Warren Fitch*



January 2nd, 1915.

President A. P. Fitch, D. D.,  
Andover Theological Seminary

Cambridge Mass., U.S.A.

My dear President Fitch:

Many thanks for your letter. Before receiving  
it I had accepted the resignation of Dr Benzinger, in view  
of the fact that after pretty wide correspondence I thought  
it would be impossible this year to make an exchange.  
He has acted throughout in the most honourable way.

Wishing you a Happy New Year, I am

Yours sincerely,

President.



January 20th, 1915.

Professor Buchanan Gray,  
 Mansfield College,  
 Oxford.

Dear Professor Buchanan Gray:

We are looking for a young man to act as Lecturer next year in our Department of Orientals. He should know Hebrew well, and if possible some Arabic. His duties would commence at the opening of next term, about the end of September. The salary would be £1200, possibly £1500. I wonder whether there is any recent graduate of Oxford of whom you can think as being suitable for us, and who would be likely to come. Very possibly owing to the war your most likely men are away on other duty. We are feeling the burden of it here also, and I am sure when the need is made known the response will be prompt, as has already been the case.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.



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June 11, 1915.

President Robert W. Falconer,  
University of Toronto.

My dear Sir:— Your letter to President Van Stine  
in regard to Professor Mueller was brought to my  
attention without delay. As President Van Stine informed,  
there is no opening here that Prof. Mueller could be con-  
sidered for. I have had the case in mind since then, and  
have even now no promising suggestion to make. I am aware  
exist in the University of Kansas and the University of  
Utah and I suggest that, unless you have done so  
already, you make inquiry at these institutions.

Very truly yours,

A. C. Witteborg

Professor of German, Univ. of Wisconsin  
Madison, Wis.



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December 7th, 1914

President Hadley,

Yale University.

Dear President Hadley:

The war has aroused intense popular feeling against our retaining German professors on our staff. This I have resisted, but I think the situation would be easier if I could arrange an exchange for next term with professors at American Universities who are not German or Austrian and who are not likely to sympathize with these countries.

The professor whom I am most desirous to get is Dr. Hermann Weyss, a well-known German scholar, and we have had on our staff for two years at full salary. He has given complete satisfaction to us as a teacher and as a scholar, and I feel that we shall not permanently lose his services. If some American University would take him for the next term we could get one of their staff, and could take up the particularly with a certain amount of freedom, or with the liberty to go through one another with free criticism. I am writing to Harvard and Chicago also.

I am using all my power to protect these gentlemen from groundless attacks, but in war time people's passions get overheated. Would you be kind enough to write to our exchange committee you would be willing to make an exchange and can find it possible to do so, provided I can arrange matters on this side for his transfer?

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.



YALE UNIVERSITY

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

WOODBIDGE HALL, 105 WALL STREET.

December 9th, 1914.

My dear Mr. Falconer:-

I appreciate very heartily your position and the difficulties involved in Benzinger's case. I wish with all my heart that we were able to make the kind of exchange that you have in mind. But the only man we have in Arabic is Professor Torrey; and some of his courses are arranged to be continuous through the whole academic year in such a manner that the students who are attending them would suffer a good deal of disadvantage from a change of instructor. And apart from this specific difficulty, there are two or three general reasons why Torrey could not be asked to go.

I think that the Harvard men might be better able to meet your wishes than we are. Besides the head of their Arabic department, they have another man who teaches both Arabic and Hebrew. His name is Sprengling; but I understand that he is an American and not a German by birth. It seems to me not at all impossible that an exchange between Benzinger and Sprengling would result in mutual advantage to the two places. Lowell is so thoroughly coöperative a man that I am quite certain this idea will suggest itself to him. I do not happen to know how they are situated at Chicago.



If any further suggestions come up I will communicate  
them to you at once.

Faithfully yours,

*Wm. T. Bailey*

President Robert W. Falconer,  
University of Toronto,  
Toronto, Canada.

*I am so glad T. B. Charles  
of the University of  
Pennsylvania might  
be a promising Exchange man.*





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President R.W. Falconer,

University of Toronto .

Regret we have no man here who can be spared am  
Writing suggestions .

Arthur t. Hadley .





December 11th, 1914

President Hayley,  
Yale University.

My dear Dr. Hayley:

It was very kind of you to telegraph to me and then to write me with regard to an exchange for Benzinger. Benzinger is an excellent man, and I should be very sorry if we had to lose his services. I am sure that he will give satisfaction to any University with which we can effect an exchange.

I appreciate your suggestion of a possible exchange with Mr. Strengling of Harvard. I have not heard from Dr. Lowell, but to-day I am writing to Professor Bores and to President Fitch of Andover. I will also, as you suggest, communicate with Principal Smith of the University of Pennsylvania.

Be assured that I appreciate very sincerely your suggestions. With kind regards to yourself, and May I ask you to remember me also to Mrs. Hayley,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.



October 25th, 1918

Professor Harris,  
Department of German,  
Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Professor Harris:

Being to difficulties that have arisen on account  
of regular classes subject-matter and of German citizenship I am anxious  
of visiting as soon as I am able for the next time with you and  
in order that I may be able to see you. It is quite  
unpleasantly, but I am realizing it, and I want to do the best I can for  
these matters. I am sure that I am doing something about it which is  
in the interest of our department at German. I am so anxious  
to know, and of the best of our German staff. I am wondering whether there  
is any one that you know of having an official position and of possibly  
arranging for some one to assist in matters and for the time being.  
I am sure it is not possible at all. I am sure that I am doing something  
for the department here, but it is not I am I would like to know the  
possibilities. I am also writing to some one at the University.

Please accept my kindest regards and with kind

regards,

I am, Yours sincerely,

President.



January 21st, 1914

Professor Charles Harris,  
Western Reserve University,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Professor Harris:

It is very kind of you to let me know about Professor Veyer as a possible substitute for one of our men this winter in German. I should be very glad to avail myself of his services were it not that by reason of the action of our Governors we shall have to pay our staff though we are not to have them do teaching for us during the rest of the session. I am not therefore in a position to make arrangements for an extra lecturer this winter, and we shall have to work on as best we may. Since I wrote to you one of our staff has been naturalized, and I hope that we may be able to get him back into regular work before very long.

With many thanks, and best wishes for the New Year, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.





NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY  
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EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

DEAN'S OFFICE

December 16, 1914.

President T. A. Falconer,  
University of Toronto,  
Toronto, Canada

Dear President Falconer:-

I have your letter of last week suggesting the possibility of an interchange of work between your Professor Mueller and one of the members of our Department of German, and have delayed answer until I could make inquiries.

The only member of our department who would meet the conditions of your letter is Professor Hatfield. When I spoke with him he showed interest but on further reflection said he doubted if the change should be made. He has in mind the possibility of getting away for the second semester to spend the time, including the summer months, in Europe, in Germany if that can be arranged, and in that case he would like very much to have Professor Mueller take his work here if he were available. With this possibility you might be able to arrange some sort of triangular exchange and if we can be of service we shall be glad to meet your wishes.

When Mr. J. A. Macdonald was in Chicago a couple of weeks ago he told me of the sub-tenant in Professor Mueller's case so that I was not wholly unprepared for your letter. It is a distressing condition but one which sometimes has to be met.

We have had two very interesting gatherings of Toronto men in Chicago during the autumn. The meeting with Mr. Macdonald was exceedingly pleasant and he gave a good account of conditions in the University.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Thomas H. H. H. H.

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OBERLIN COLLEGE  
OBERLIN, OHIO  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May twenty-second  
Nineteen fifteen

President Robert A. Falconer,  
University of Toronto,  
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear President Falconer:

I am sorry to say we have no opening  
*German*  
here in *German* for next year. Our entire staff remains  
as last year.

Very sincerely yours,

*Henry B. King*



December 18th, 1914

Dear Holgate,

Northwestern University,  
Evanston, Ill.

My dear Dr. Holgate:

Many thanks for your letter. We have been able to make arrangements with McMaster so that they will allow one of their professors to take some of Professor Mueller's work in the University for which he pays them. I think therefore that in the meantime we shall not need to arrange an exchange with Professor Mueller.

I am somewhat in doubt as to what you intend in your reference to Professor Hatfield's visit to Europe. It might suit us to have Mr. Mueller take Professor Hatfield's work next year, beginning in September 1915, and we might fill his place in some other way so that Professor Hatfield would be set free. I think that you would find him satisfactory. Is this what you had in mind? If so, it is worth our considering.

I am particularly anxious to effect an exchange in Orientals with Professor Penzinger. Hitherto I have been unsuccessful. Neither Harvard, <sup>Chicago</sup> nor Yale has a man to suit. Do you happen to know any one who might be lent to us and take our man in exchange? He is an admirable man as a scholar and teacher.

With the season's greetings, I am,

Yours sincerely,

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
ANN ARBOR

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

May 24, 1915.

President Robert A. Falconer,  
University of Toronto,  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

My dear President Falconer:--

Returning to my office after an absence of several days I find upon my table yours of May 20th. So far as I know there will be no vacancy in our German department this year. However, I am referring your letter to Professor Max Winkler, who is at the head of the department. He may know of an opening for Professor Mueller in some other university. If I learn of an opening, I shall advise you.

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

*H. B. Hutchings*



UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Urbana-Champaign, Illinois

May 24, 1915

President Robert A. Falconer

Toronto University

Toronto, Canada

My dear Dr. Falconer:

I am obliged to you for your letter of May 20th. Will you kindly ask Mr. Miller to fill out the enclosed information blank. If I can do anything for him here, I shall be very glad to do it. We have no vacancy in any position of importance, but if Mr. Miller would be inclined to take a position as instructor for a time until this cruel war is over, you might be able to take him back again.

I think we academic men are peculiarly bound to do what we can to alleviate the miseries of this great struggle.

Faithfully yours,

Edmund J. James

Enc.

May 26th, 1915

President James,

University of Illinois.

Dear President James:

I have just received from you for your letter.  
It seems to me that if it is possible to get any position for me,  
whether it would be an assistant, and I shall be much obliged to  
you for any position that you can suggest. Sincerely, I am  
making application for other universities.

Very truly yours, C. C.

Yours sincerely,

THOMAS C. C.



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22 December, 1914

President Robert A. Falconer  
University of Toronto  
Toronto, Canada

My dear Sir,-

The arrangement that you refer to in your letter would hardly be practicable because of the very limited number of students that we have this year in our Semitics Department, and more particularly in the special field of Prof. Benzinger's researches. I beg to assure you that in common with all scholars I have the very highest opinion of Prof. Benzinger's eminent scholarship. Believe me,

very truly yours,

*Morris Jastrow*

December 7th. 1914

President Lowell,

Harvard University,

Cambridge, Mass.

Dear President Lowell:

The war has aroused intense popular feeling against our retaining German professors on our staff. This I have resisted, but I leave the ultimate decision to you. If I could arrange an exchange for next year with professors in European Universities who are not German or Austrian and who are not known to sympathize with these countries.

The professor about whom I at first mentioned is Dr. Emanuel Benzing, a very well-known German scholar whom we have had on our staff for two years as full professor. He has given complete satisfaction to us as a teacher and as a scholar, and I am sure we shall not permanently lose his services. If your European University would take him for next year and send us one of their staff who is not known to sympathize particularly, with a certain amount of reward, we might for the present be able to come through our troubles with less distress. I am writing to Yale and Chicago also.

I am using all my power to protect these gentlemen from groundless attacks, but in war time people's passions get overmastered. Would you be kind enough to write me at our expense whether you would be willing to make an exchange and see that it is possible to do so, provided I can arrange matters on this side for his transfer?

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,





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President Robert Falconer,

The University of Toronto,

Toronto. Ont.

Will do all I can on my return Monday.

Shailer Matthews.

130AM.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
CAMBRIDGE

December 10, 1940

Dear President Falconer:

I sympathize deeply with your attempt to preserve the principle of academic freedom by making a temporary exchange of a German professor for an American in a similar position, and wish very much that we could help you in this. Unfortunately, the only man that we could send to Berlin and Leipzig had a German wife and a young child, and I am afraid that it would be awkward for all of us. I hope you will have better luck with one of the other alternatives; and if we can help you in any other department, I hope you will let us know.

Very truly yours,

*A. Lawrence Lowell*

President Robert A. Falconer

University of Toronto

Toronto, Canada



The University of Chicago

The Divinity School

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Chicago, December 16, 1911.

President Robert A. Taft,  
University of Toronto,  
Toronto, Ontario, Can.

Dear President Taft:

I am very sorry that now I have re-  
turned to Chicago I find it impossible to make the arrangement  
about which you wrote. The only man who would be in the least way  
available is now giving courses in Assyrian rather than Arabic.  
I am exceedingly sorry that this is the case for I should like very  
much to assist you in this trying situation.

With very warm regards I am,

Yours

Very truly yours,

Paul H. Rader

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December twenty-second

1914

President R. A. Falconer,  
University of Toronto,  
Toronto, Ontario,

My dear Dr. Falconer:

Your letter of December nineteenth has helped me to realize one more of the complications created by the war in Europe. I deeply regret that there seems no way in which we can help you in relation to Professor Benzinger. The arrangement of our terms is not the same as at Toronto, and the members of our Faculty have already so completely made their plans for the session that it would be extremely difficult to make so great a change in the middle of the session without serious interruption of their program, personal and institutional.

I hope that you will be able to find some place where Professor Benzinger can continue his work; but will you forgive me for adding that it may be somewhat difficult to find a center even in the United States where he would be completely happy in the present circumstances. The fact is that the vast majority of people in the academic circles are anti-German, and many of them passionately so. It is possible that at Columbia University, or Chicago, where the individual is lost in the large multitude of teachers and students, he would find a large enough circle of sympathizers with his own country to make him feel at home. You need not try Harvard, where they have difficulty enough from this very cause.

I trust that your work this winter is going on successfully in spite of the very disturbed situation. I occasionally hear from the Stevensons, with whom my niece, Doreen Mackenzie, is spending the winter. Her father and two brothers are serving in the South African warfare, and another brother in Europe.

Please remember me kindly to Mrs. Falconer, to whom and to yourself I would send the warmest greetings of this sad, and yet inspiring season.

Yours very sincerely,

WDM/HMK.

*W. Douglas Mackenzie*

*over*



P.S. I have a letter from the  
latter of a remarkable young scientist  
Helen - Marie, etc. He was  
just for the first time, and at the same time  
I have managed to spend the winter  
in the great city of D. He is now there  
with me. His name is Helen  
Marie - a beautiful girl, and  
a very good one. He is the  
first of the family.

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June 1st, 1915

Dr. William Brewster,  
Department of Schools,  
New York.

Dear Sir:

Professor William Brewster of Columbia College, New York City, has written to me asking if you will suggest to the possibility of securing a position as lecturer in German in the New York Schools for our Associate Professor of German, Mr. F. A. Mueller. Being in difficulties that have arisen in connection with the employment of Germans in the State University during the present war it will be some consolation for Mr. Mueller and for us if I can secure for him a position in some other institution or in the United States.

Mr. Mueller has been on our staff for nine years, and has been the colleague of Associate-Professors for twelve years. He is an excellent teacher of German, has taught the German course in the University in Philosophy, and possesses not only a capacity to teach but also to take a colloquial view. He is a man of 40 years of age and very robust health. I shall be glad to hear from you whether you have any openings for which Mr. Mueller might apply.

Yours sincerely,

President.



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June 4, 1915

To the President of

The University of Toronto

My dear sir:

In the absence of Superintendent Maxwell permit me to acknowledge your letter of June 1st concerning Professor Miller.

I regret to have to state that under the by-laws of the Board of Education admission to the examination for high school license in New York City is barred to candidates over the age of forty years.

I am not sure that definite age limits have been set for candidates for instructorships in the City College and in Hunter College (formerly Normal College). Prof. A. T. Werner is head of the German department at City College and Dr. Carl T. Kayser is head of the German department at Hunter College.

Respectfully,

  
Clerk to the Board of Examiners

13 FOLLEN STREET  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

December 14, 1914.

My dear President Falconer:

I thank you for your letter of December 11th about the case of Dr. Benzinger. Before this you will have received President Lowell's answer. I have talked this morning with Professor Jewett, and it seems clear that for various reasons it is not advisable for Sprengling to go to you for the next half-year. I have not been able to get any suggestion either from Professor Jewett or from Professor G. F. Moore of a man for you.

Of course you have thought of Aitken, but I hardly suppose that he could do the work which you require.

If I should hear any suggestion, I will let you have it. The situation must be a very trying one, and your treatment of these men puts the University in the right position before the world.

With warm regards, -

Yours very truly,

*James Henry Rogers*

President R. A. Falconer,  
University of Toronto.

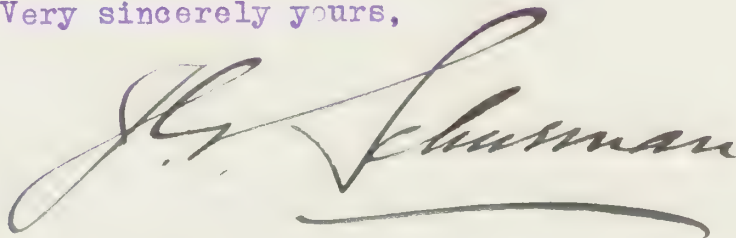
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
CORNELL UNIVERSITY  
ITHACA, NEW YORK

May 24, 1915

My dear President Falconer:

In reply to your communication of the 20th inst. I would say that as appointments to the staff in this University have already been made for next year, we could not find a place for Mr. Mueller. Neither do I at present know of any vacancy elsewhere to which he could be appointed. If I hear of anything, I shall be glad to let you know.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. G. Luskman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

President Falconer  
University of Toronto  
Toronto, Canada



December 11th, 1914

Provost Smith,

University of Pennsylvania.

My dear Provost Smith:

When I met you at Groningen I had no idea there would be a war situation which would make it necessary for me to arrange for our German professors to be provided for otherwise than by their ordinary routine. Popular clamour, which we have been resisting strongly, has made it advisable that we should grant leave of absence with full pay to our German professors. However, I want the work done, and they would be willing to go to the United States and work there for the time, provided we can get some American without pro-German sympathies who would do their work here. The man about whom I am most concerned is Professor Benzinger of the Oriental Department. He is a distinguished scholar, an excellent teacher, and a modest man. Professor Hadley suggested to me that you had a Mr. R.B. Charles who might make an excellent exchange man. If you can make any suggestions to me in the matter I shall be much indebted to you.

Please give Mrs. Smith my kind remembrances. I look back with pleasure to our few days together in Groningen last June.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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May 3rd /15

My dear Dr. Tabor

In reply to  
your note of inquiry about  
Mr. Hunk, I would state  
that I have known him fairly  
well in a social way during  
the two years he has been at  
Dartmouth. He is a very pleasant  
fellow who has seen a good  
deal of the world and possesses  
an interesting point of view.

As regards his work I cannot  
say very much at first hand,  
though I have heard him read  
some excellent papers at our  
Modern Language Club. However,  
Professor Dow, the head of the

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From the Department, however,  
that his work has been  
generally satisfactory in all  
respects. I know that those  
who are communicating in the  
judgment and opinion in the  
plain, would not have spoken  
so positively if he had not said  
it very sincerely. He had special  
reference on Mr. Hicks's sensible  
method in teaching and his  
willingness to co-operate with  
the other members of the Department.  
He ended the statement by  
saying that he regarded him  
as by all odds the best of the  
four or five junior members of  
the Department. I shall be



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glad to receive other parties  
or make further inquiries if  
you so desire.

We are very proud of the  
conduct of the Canadians in  
Flourtown. The feeling soon  
settles down to our work in  
the papers, and we make a  
visit to the close friendship  
of the two nations and the  
feeling of continental solidarity.

With kind regards, am

Very truly yours

W. L. Stewart.

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May 25<sup>th</sup> /15:

My dear Dr. Falcone -

I regret to  
say that I do not know  
of any German positions in  
Eastern institutions. There seems  
to be a pronounced desire of  
such places this year, owing  
no doubt, in part at least,  
to anti-German feeling.

I have, however, heard  
indirectly of three positions of  
varying grades in the University  
of Minnesota, and there is  
(or was) also one position in  
the University of Kansas. I  
should think that a visit

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Inquiry from you to the head  
of the institution, accompanied  
by a statement of Professor  
Müller's unfortunate plight,  
would elicit full information  
as to his chances.

I am sorry not to be  
able to tell you more, but  
I shall certainly keep my  
eyes open.

With kind regards, I am

Very Sincerely Yours

W. K. Stewart



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June 22<sup>d</sup>, 1891.

My dear Dr. Falconer.

Since I wrote you last I have heard of two other positions in Germany. The first is in Iowa State College, Iowa City, Ia. A communication to the head of the German Department, Professor Chas. B. Wilson, mentioning as your ultimate informant the name of Dr. Vidler of Dartmouth, might be of advantage.

The other position is in Lombard College, Galesburg, Ill., of which I know nothing except that it is a denominational institution of some sort and

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that the name of its president  
is Barton. I should add in  
furtherance that the information  
about this place came to  
me, albeit indirectly, through  
the Albert Teichmeyer Agency.

I hope very much  
that something can be secured  
for Professor Miller and I  
shall be most happy to aid  
you with any information  
I may chance to get.

With kind regards, I am

Very Sincerely Yours

W. R. Stewart

May 20, 1907

The President,

University of Illinois

Dear Sir:

I am very anxious to secure an appointment of an American  
historian for our American Institute of History, Mr. C. A. Smith.  
Mr. Smith has been on our staff for some years, and has done  
excellent work for the last few years. I have always found  
him to be an excellent writer, and his writing is of the highest  
quality. The situation would be most desirable if I could get  
a position for Mr. Smith at the University. Will you be  
kind enough to let me know whether there is any possibility of such  
an appointment in your University or elsewhere?

Yours sincerely,

President.



THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
LAWRENCE

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS  
AND SCIENCES

OLIN TEMPLIN, DEAN

*Mr. Mueller has  
sent in his personal  
application.*

June  
Second,  
1915.

President R. A. Falconer,  
University of Toronto,  
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Sir:-

I write in reply to your favor of May twenty sixth.

We have a vacant professorship in the department of German paying two thousand, five hundred dollars a year and should be glad to know the qualifications of Mr. Mueller if he is interested in such a position.

Respectfully, .

*Olin Templin*



which closes our academic year. I believe that you would be very fortunate in securing Mr. Mueller for your vacant position.

Yours sincerely,

THURDAY.



May 20th, 1941

Professor Charles Johnson  
Columbia University

New York

Dear Professor Calvin Johnson:

I am very pleased to receive your letter of the 15th of May. I am glad to hear that you are interested in the American University of Beirut, L.B. E.A. Johnson. Mr. Johnson has been at the University for the past few years, and has been teaching English for the last few years. It has always been my aim to be an excellent teacher, but with so difficulties arising out of the war the situation would be very comfortable if we can get a position for Mr. Johnson at an American University. Will you be kind enough to let me know whether there is any possibility of such an appointment in your University or elsewhere?

Yours sincerely,

President.

Columbia University  
in the City of New York  
DEPARTMENT OF GERMANIC LANGUAGES

May 24, 1915-

My dear President Faicener:

There is at present no vacancy  
in our German staff at Columbia, but I shall bear in  
mind the case of Professor Mueller and communicate  
with you if a vacant position comes to my knowledge.

Sincerely yours,

Calvin Thomas

YALE UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF SEMITIC LANGUAGES  
NEW HAVEN, CONN.

December 17, 1914.

My dear President Falconer:

President Hurlay mentions to me a few days ago your letter to him in regard to Professor Benzinger and the possibility of an exchange for the coming semester.

It has occurred to me, since then, that possibly, Dr. S. B. Charles, who is now an Instructor in the University of Pennsylvania, might be willing to make such an exchange. He is now teaching Hebrew and Arabic I am told; and my informant thinks that his salary is something like \$1000 or \$1200. He has been in Syria and Palestine, and has taken part in archaeological expeditions in that region. He is a young, well equipped young man.

I am, of course, only guessing that he might like to do what you propose. If you should wish to consider the possibility further, you might write to Professor David Easton, Chairman of the University of Pennsylvania, who would be the best one there to give you information.

Very sincerely yours

Charles E. Torrey



THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
MADISON

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 24, 1915.

My dear President Falconer:

Your letter of May 20th regarding Associate Professor B. W. Mueller I am sending to Professor A. R. Höhlfeld, chairman of our department of German, for his consideration, since he is much more apt to hear of positions in German which are open than I am.

We contemplate no change at the University of Wisconsin which would make it possible to consider Professor Mueller for a place here.

Very truly yours,

*Charles R. Van Dine*

President Robert Falconer.

*If Prof Höhlfeld is able to make any suggestions I shall communicate with you again. crv*

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The University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 26, 1915.

President R. A. Falconer,  
University of Toronto,  
Toronto, Canada.

My dear President Falconer:

Thank you for calling our attention to the opportunity of securing the services of Mr. P. W. Mueller. Unfortunately our appointments in the staff of the Department of German for the coming year have already been made.

Regretting our inability to take advantage of your suggestion, I am

Sincerely yours,

*George E. Vincent*

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Professor Wright,  
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Dear Professor Hildner:

At the 1987 meeting, 100.

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President.



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DEPARTMENT OF ROMANCE LANGUAGES

J. R. WIGHTMAN, PH.D.  
KIRKE L. COWDERY  
R. P. JAMESON, D. EN L.  
MARY TAYLOR COWDERY

Dec. 12, 1914

Pres. Rob. A. Falconer  
University of Toronto,  
Toronto, Ont.

Dear President Falconer: With reference to a possible exchange with Professor Mueller, I am talking to Prof. W. E. Offner, the head of our Department of German, & without definitely committing himself, he seemed inclined to look favorably upon it. Prof. Mosher is the only one on our German staff who would be available as the other teachers consist of a German American & three ladies. He is an American, about 37 years old, a graduate of Boston, but who has studied for some years in Germany & taken his doctorate at Halle. He is

strongly pre-ally in sympathies, an excellent teacher,  
& a man of much energy & enthusiasm. You would much  
enjoy having him for awhile on your staff. — If you  
should still think the suggested exchange desirable  
& feasible, you will doubtless agree <sup>to</sup> with further  
particulars as to Prof. Muller's note to the course and num-  
ber of hours his substitute would expect to teach, the salary  
position, &c. — Of course you will understand that the  
whole thing so far has been merely tentative. — I have read  
in the "Globe" about the stir in University circles, and Prof. Mac-  
dorman & I have talked it over a good deal. We sympathize  
with yourself & our Alma Mater in the somewhat trying cir-  
cumstances, & thoroughly approve of your stand. — I trust  
that a satisfactory solution has already been or may  
soon be found. — Ho. naturally feeling the deepest interest  
in the awful struggle that is going on across the sea, and

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having an intense desire for the triumph of our  
cause or yet wish that our country should  
be a patriotic without condescending to anything that  
might perhaps be interpreted as narrow or bigoted. - It  
is hard however to be unjust to our country for we are  
the state of feeling complained of. It is not a matter  
under the circumstances & has had much promotion.  
The sentiment in Oberlin, especially in the college is that  
pronounced against the German cause. There are  
really only four in favor of it - that is in our faculty -  
and all of those are either of German birth or education.  
President Loring has been & is one of the prominent



Defender of the Celtic Cause. In his large Sunday  
Bible class he has been & is so busy defending his  
stand on this question & arguing against the opponents  
of liberty & the defender of Philistinism that he is making  
but slight progress in his nominal subject - the  
Opposition of St. Matthew's Gospel.

I shall be pleased to know that your present  
difficulties have been satisfactorily solved - &  
shall be glad to help if at all possible.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

J. R. Wightman,

December 15th, 1914

Professor A. B. Nightran, Ph.D.,  
Oberlin, O.

Dear Professor Nightran:

I have to thank you very much for your letter and for having taken the trouble to inquire from Professor Meier to whether he would come for us in exchange with Professor Mueller. I am glad, however, to say that for the present satisfactory arrangements seem to have been made whereby we can get McMaster University to do a certain amount of teaching in German for which Professor Mueller will make arrangements. Just what may require to be done in a few months I do not know, and I might have to endeavour to make arrangements in the spring provided the war lasts into the summer. My main difficulty at present is getting an exchange for Professor Penzinger. I have been communicating with Harvard, Yale and Chicago endeavouring to get a man in Arabic, and have not yet succeeded, though I have still to hear from Chicago. The whole business is difficult and disappointing, because we should not lose the services of these men at present. This, however, is war.

I look back with much pleasure to our trip across from Glasgow two years ago. Please give the season's greetings to Mrs. Nightran and the other friends who were with you at that time, also to Professor McLennan and any other Toronto graduates who may be on your staff. I hope sometime to get to Oberlin. Remember me kindly also to President King.

I am, Yours sincerely,

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December 23rd, 1914

Professor J. B. Nightran,  
Oberlin College,  
Oberlin, O.

Dear Professor Nightran:

Many thanks for your suggestion of the name of Professor Macdonald as a possible exchange professor. I have written to President MacKenzie asking whether he can allow Professor Macdonald to do some teaching for us in the next winter, but I have not yet heard from him.

I hope that you enjoyed the visit of Professor Hutton at Oberlin. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.



June 4th, 1915

Professor Charles E. Wilson,  
Department of German,  
Iowa State College, Iowa City, Ia.

Dear Professor Wilson:

I am very anxious to secure an appointment in an American University for our Associate Professor of German, Mr. E. M. Mueller. Mr. Mueller has been on our staff for nine years, and has been Associate Professor for the last two years. We have always found him to be an excellent teacher, but owing to difficulties arising out of the war and the employment of Germans in the State University the situation would become more comfortable if I can get a position for Mr. Mueller in an American University. Will you be kind enough to let me know whether there is any possibility of such an appointment in your University?

Yours sincerely,

President.



CHARLES BUNDY WILSON  
FREDERICK BERNARD STURM  
WILLIAM FERDINAND LUEBKE  
EDWARD HENRY LAUER  
FRANCIS WALDEMAR KRACHER  
WILLIAM THEODORE RUNZLER  
ERNEST ALEXANDER HEILMANN  
ANNA HEYBERGER (Bohemian)

June 7, 1915.

President R. A. Falconer,  
University of Toronto,  
Toronto, Canada.

Dear President Falconer:

In reply to your letter of inquiry of the 4th inst. I can say that a member of our <sup>German</sup> staff has asked for leave of absence for the next academic year. If his request is granted, we shall have a temporary vacancy. I note what you say about your Associate Professor Mueller. We have a large number of candidates for this position, but if Mr. Mueller wishes to make application, I should be glad to receive from him at once full credentials setting forth his training, experience as a teacher, character, personality, when and where born, whether married or single, etc, and a photograph.

I have the honor to be

Yours very truly,

*Charles Bundy Wilson*

June 9th, 1915

Professor G. Wilson,  
State University of Iowa,  
Iowa City.

Dear Professor Wilson:

I am sorry that Professor Mueller is out of the city for a day or two, but on his return I will gladly put your letter before him. He has applied for a position in Kansas, which seems to be a good opening for him, but I am not sure yet whether his application will be accepted.

Meantime, accept my thanks, and believe me to be,

Yours sincerely,

President.



UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
ANN ARBOR

GERMAN

May 26, 1915

To the  
President of the University of Toronto,  
Toronto, Canada.

My dear Sir:-

President Hutchins has referred your letter concerning Professor Mueller here. Sadly I regret to say that there is at present no vacancy in the German Department of this University. I shall, however, bear Mr. Mueller's case in mind, and should I hear of a desirable vacancy, I shall inform him of it.

Very sincerely yours,

Max Winkler Ph. D.

Professor of the German Language & Literature  
University of Michigan